



ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP

Bureau of Indian Affairs (Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Regions)
Bureau of Land Management (Colorado and Wyoming)
Fish and Wildlife Service (Mountain/Prairie Region)
Forest Service (Rocky Mountain Region)
National Park Service (Intermountain and Midwest Regions)
State Agencies in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas

Minutes of Conference Call February 7, 2012 – 09:30 MST

In Attendance:

Members

Vice Chair Ron Graham
Steve Hasenohrl (*for Esperance*)
Dave Hall
Mike Davin
Bob Jones
Bill Ott
Cliff Hutton (*for Kerr*)
Facilitator Jim Fletcher
Business Manager Brooke Malcolm

Unavailable:

Chair Ken Kerr
Angie Foster
Rocco Snart
Vaughn Jones
Willie Thompson
Cal Pino
Don Westover
Ross Hauck

Guests

Gaylene Rossiter
Ron Simpson

1. Info Ed Committee

Rossiter

- David Eaker (NPS, Zion) & Tracy Weaver (NPS, Grand Teton) will be new co-chairs for 2013.
- Colorado State Forest Service transitioning out of voting member seat.
 - Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control will hold voting seat on committee.
 - CSFS will remain on committee as advisory agency/SMEs for education programs.
 - Clarification of roles & responsibilities between the two agencies should be laid out in the Colorado Statewide Agreement.
 - Consensus to approve new committee configuration.
 - **TASKING:** Committee will modify charter to reflect this arrangement and match RMCG Charter agencies (1/24/2013); new charter will be delivered to RMCG for approval & chair signature.

2. Operations Committee

Hutton

- Operations Committee Site Visit Form approval
 - Will be posted to RMCG webpage (Operations Committee section), as approved at Winter Meeting.
- Fire Prevention & Education Team roster approval
 - 3 people applied to team this year:
 - PETL: Sandy Groth
 - PETM: Ralph Bellah
 - POI2: Rita Baysinger

- Justification for selecting out-of-area AD (Groth): no qualified applicants in area.
- Consensus to approve roster as presented.
- Roster will be posted to RMCG webpage.
- Working to finalize Operations Committee charter for approval by RMCG.
- Ott reviewing award nominations for submission and presentation at Spring Meeting.
 - Amy Stephens, Operations Committee Administrative Assistant
 - LaVerne Hermanson, Past Chair (2011)
 - Kelly Kane, Past Chair (2012)
 - Consensus to approve award nominations.
- Paul Gleason award and Dispatcher of the Year award will be presented at Spring Meeting also.
 - Davin suggested having representatives from national office(s) (recipient agencies) at Spring Meeting to make presentations.
- Award nominations will be sent to Graham for coordination.

3. Training Committee Charter Approval

Simpson

- Charter was distributed by Angie Foster, with minimal feedback.
- Graham raised issue with GATR roles & responsibilities (page 3 of charter).
 - Expressed preference that GATR remain a SME and not be placed into the role as a voting member/agency representative.
- Charter approval tabled until RMCG Chair can be informed about the issue.
 - Feedback with RMCG recommendations will be provided to committee.

4. Operations Tactical Group

Ott

- Operations tactical group has historically met during heightened periods of activity.
 - Consists of fire operations specialists from each agency in the RMA.
 - Some confusion about roles & responsibilities of this group, as it relates to RMCG and RMA MAC.
 - Group is not related to Operations Committee or MAC, but a standalone advisory group.
 - Responsibilities and participation covered in RMA Mob Guide pages 4-6, Chapter 10; Mob Guide does not outline SOPs for group.
 - 2013 Mob Guide language will be refined for RMACC Manager to coordinate with State & Regional FMOs, instead of Unit FMOs.
- Fletcher & Hutton have two action items to clarify roles of this group.
 - Development of standalone Delegation of Authority for the RMACC Manager.
 - Fletcher will assist local center managers with similar delegations.
 - Create template for the RMACC Tactical Conference Call.
 - Facilitated by the RMACC Manager and run as a round-robin, with expanded discussion where necessary.
 - Designed to gather information about activity, needs, strategies for prepositioning, etc.
 - Both documents will be preserved in RMCG files and be used by RMACC to facilitate coordination.
- No further action required by RMCG.

5. **Fire Information Strategy** **Fletcher**
 - Working to resolve void in fire information management for the RMA with vacancy left by Segin.
 - Multi-agency group of PAOs and information specialists meeting today at RMACC to discuss issue and develop action plan.

6. **Delegations of Authority** **Malcolm**
 - All RMCG members need to send 2013 Delegations to Business Manager.
 - Business Manager will send some samples of previous years' delegations to group for review.

7. **MAC Exercise Update** **Fletcher**
 - NIMO team has not yet been contacted.
 - **TASKING:** Fletcher will follow-up and provide feedback to group.

8. **Spring Meeting Update**
 - Contract finalized with Little America.
 - Plenty of space for meetings and any other needs that may arise.
 - Advise making room reservations as soon as possible; several lodging options available in addition to Little America.
 - Details about meeting and agenda sent out by Business Manager.

9. **Round-Robin**
 - Hasenohrl – Minimal activity in zone.
 - Jones – Helicopter Manager position should be out soon.
 - Ott – Regional Fire leadership still in transition. Willie Thompson's last day of detail tomorrow. Mike Williams (Kaibab NF Supervisor) next detailee as Acting Regional Director. Announcement on selection for that position should be announced by end of next week.

10. **Administrative Items**
 - Review of Action Log and completed taskings to date.
 - New Action Log will be posted to RMCG webpage.
 - Business Manager will re-distribute Succession Plan for RMCG review & comment prior to Spring Meeting.
 - New calendars & contact lists will be updated on RMCG webpage.
 - Send Spring Meeting RMCG business to Graham, Kerr or Malcolm for inclusion on agenda.